

FOR THE BUSY MAN

NEWS EPITOME THAT CAN SOON BE COMPASSED.

MANY EVENTS ARE MENTIONED

Home and Foreign Intelligence Condensed into Two and Four Line Paragraphs.

Washington.

Almost ranking officer of his grade, Col. George Rublen, assistant quartermaster general of the army, was placed on the retired list owing to age. Colonel Rublen was born in Germany, graduated from the military academy to which he was appointed from Ohio in 1886 and made an excellent record during the Spanish-American war.

Commerce of the United States with foreign countries was prosperous with a balance of trade for the month of more than \$18,000,000 in favor of American business men. With exports of \$144,241,515, August this year made a new record for the month surpassing August exports in all previous years and August of a year ago by almost \$10,000,000.

The government saved itself from a total loss by the forest fires in the northwest last year when a deal was closed for the sale of 125,000,000 feet of fire-killed timber in Idaho. With the burned outside taken off, this timber is as good for all manufacturing purposes as any other lumber. Part of the timber was sold to an Idaho lumber company, the remainder to a Washington concern.

The Nebraska state society of Washington will hold its annual meeting here on October 27. Announcement to this effect was made by F. H. Abbott, assistant commissioner of Indian affairs. The guest of honor will be Dr. M. W. Davidson, who recently resigned as superintendent of schools at Omaha to accept a similar position in Washington. Among the guests will be a number of graduates of the University of Nebraska, who are now employed as scientists in the various departments of the government.

General.

Strife among factions in Mexico is growing more serious. Vienna had a serious riot, brought on by the high cost of living.

The Moroccan war cloud over France and Germany is disappearing.

Bogroff, the slayer of Premier Stolypin, was sentenced to be hanged. Aviator Rodgers left New York for San Francisco, being the third to enter the contest.

One issue in the presidential canvass is removed by the defeat of reciprocity in Canada.

While disappointed over the defeat of reciprocity in Canada, President Taft kept on smiling.

Congressman Norris of Nebraska, was surprised to hear of the defeat of reciprocity in Canada.

Reciprocity in Canada was defeated by a landslide vote. Our congress wasted much time for nothing.

A package containing \$10,000 in currency is missing from the postoffice at Sioux Falls, S. D.

Bankers in session at Omaha unqualifiedly endorsed the Aldrich plan and elected officers.

Directors of the International Nickel company declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the quarter.

To combat the rise in sugar price, Houston, Tex., housewives have started a movement to boycott that product.

News that a decree of divorce had been granted Mrs. Wellman, formerly Emma Juch, the famous prima donna, from her husband, Francis I. Wellman, the well known New York lawyer, in the Paris courts on July 26, was contained in a Paris cablegram.

At Washington Representative Charles D. Carter of Oklahoma was named defendant in a \$10,000 damage suit filed by Samuel Gerber, a salesman, on account of an alleged assault by Carter in a downtown store.

John C. Stubbs, vice president and director of traffic of the Harriman line, announced that he will retire January 1. His successor has not been named.

United States Judge Peter S. Grosscup figuratively used a string to his forthcoming resignation from the bench by declaring that if any interested organization or individual is now investigating his record warrants further time for investigation, he will defer his resignation.

President Taft has granted executive clemency to the first woman applicant during his administration—Margaret Belvins, of Big Stone Gap, Va., who was sentenced to a month's imprisonment and \$100 fine for evading internal revenue laws on whiskey.

The lowest point in fourteen years was touched by the stock of the Calumet & Hecla Mining company, when it declined nine points.

The Bank of Montreal offered a reward of \$5,000 for the capture and conviction of one or more of the robbers who stole \$258,000 from its vaults.

Rev. R. H. Dooliver, brother of the late Iowa senator, died at Hot Springs, S. D., aged 65.

Taft is willing to be retired rather than budge on the tariff question.

Canada defeated reciprocity by a landslide vote.

Champ Clark says democracy is in sight of the promised land.

Federal Judge Grosscup of Chicago is soon to retire from the bench.

Spain is facing a crisis as grave as that confronting the nation in 1900.

Congress must soon fix the toll charges for the Panama canal.

Henry Seymour, of Lincoln, Neb., was drugged and robbed at Niagara Falls.

C. P. Rodgers, the coast-to-coast aviator, suffered a hard fall at Middleton, N. Y.

Fifty people were killed and two hundred injured in the Sunday riots at Vienna.

Six people, living in adjoining houses were murdered while they slept at Colorado Springs.

Robert L. Borden, opposition leader in Canada, made a final appeal to the voters against reciprocity.

There was a bad slump in steel stocks on rumors of a coming suit for dissolution of the company.

A change of contempt of court is made against an attorney for the defense in the McNamara cases.

J. J. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern railway, celebrated his seventy-third birthday on the 16th.

Carl Morris, the white hope, was outfought in his ten-round battle with Jim Flynn at New York.

Henry Watterson says the day of free passes and free tickets in the newspaper business is passing.

Sensational developments are promised in connection with the assassination of Premier Stolypin of Russia.

Seven Kansas ministers will ask the president to veto Secretary Wilson's connection with the brewers' congress.

Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad shops at Sedalia, employing nearly 700 men, closed for an indefinite period.

Lieutenants Atwood and Sheppard, the English army officers who were arrested at Emden, Prussia, charged with espionage, were released.

Seattle was chosen as the next meeting place of the American Association of General Passenger and Ticket Agents in 1912.

Unless collections for the state treasury come in more rapidly the state treasurer of Nebraska will be obliged to stop buying municipal bonds.

The fire at the plant of the Hercules Oil Refining company at Vernon, Cal., which burned for twenty-four hours, was brought under control.

Officials of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad said that less than 1,000 out of a total number of 4,300 track employes were on strike.

To become thoroughly familiar with military conditions Secretary of War Stimson contemplates visiting practically every army post in the country.

Fourteen thousand Kansas corporations lost their charters when the charter board found they had not complied with the law requiring annual reports.

Ogden L. Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills of New York and Miss Margaret Rutherford, daughter of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, sr., were married in France.

A number of Kansas democrats who are in favor of Champ Clark for president will meet the Missourian and will seek to learn from him whether he will enter the race for the democratic nomination.

At Des Moines, Ia., Judge Smith McPherson in federal court dissolved the temporary injunction obtained recently by the express companies of Iowa against the State Railroad commission.

The anniversary of Mexico's declaration of independence was celebrated at Mexico City, the feature of the program being a parade of the military, reviewed by President De La Barra.

General Jose De La Luz Blanco, commander of rurales in northern Chihuahua, has been officially ordered to take his forces to Morales and give fight to Zapata. General Blanco has been with Madero in his campaign in Yucatan and will return at once to Casas Grandes and get his army.

Five governors of western states that have conferred the electoral franchise upon women—Hawley of Idaho, Spry of Utah, Carey of Wyoming, Hay of Washington and Shafroth of Colorado—were participants in a largely attended meeting in the interests of woman suffrage at Cooper union, New York.

Personal.

President Taft, on his long journey, made the first stop at Syracuse, N. Y.

Twenty-nine governors attended the meeting at Spring Lake, N. J.

Premier Stolypin succumbed to injuries inflicted by an assassin.

President Taft took a plunge in the pool of politics in his Michigan speeches.

Ex-Senator Thomas H. Carter of Montana died at his home in Washington.

Champ Clark is unwilling to accept blame for helping to defeat reciprocity.

General Reyes says the Mexican election will be illegal because the country is not at peace.

Anti-reciprocity forces in Canada are making merry over the defeat of the liberal government.

An aviator at Dayton, O., was burned to death in air when the gasoline tank of his machine exploded.

WANTS HIS FREEDOM

FLEDGE CASE IS REACHED BY SUPREME COURT.

CONVICTED OF KILLING SISTER

Plea for Prisoner Is that State's Principal Witness Told Conflicting Stories.

William Flege's last effort to keep away from the penitentiary to which he was sentenced for life for the murder of his sister, Louise, was made in supreme court.

The most pointed evidence in the case was that of Albert Eltenkamp, an 18-year-old German boy. At the coroner's inquest he denied that he knew anything of the crime. During the trial, however, he said that he saw Flege and his sister quarreling that he attempted to interfere, was driven away and while running to the barn, heard two shots fired. Glancing back he first saw the girl on her knees and then saw her body prostrate on the ground. The defense claims that Eltenkamp's two stories are so conflicting as to be valueless. The prosecution insists that the boy was threatened by Flege and that he was afraid to tell the truth at the inquest.

The defense claimed that the evidence against Flege was insufficient to support a verdict of guilty and that numerous instructions given by the trial judge in that the instructions tended to direct the jury what should be necessary to overcome a verdict of guilty rather than what doubts must be removed before a verdict of guilty could be reached. County Attorney Kingsbury of Dixon county and Assistant Attorney General Edgerton argued the case for the state.

Flege is under \$25,000 bail at present. When the court admitted him to bail counsel for the state warned the court that violence might be suffered by the prisoner. It is said that since Flege has been under bail he has not ventured about the neighborhood except when accompanied by someone.

President Taft's Visit.

According to ex-Senator Burkett, who is to head the Taft reception committee upon the occasion of the president's visit to this city, October 2, every opportunity will be given the people to see the national executive. A portion of the streets on the line of march will be reserved for school children and other parts will be carefully arranged so that the crowds will not be congested. The automobile bearing the presidential party will be driven at a slow rate, so all can see.

Labor Bureau Officials Elect.

At the meeting of the International Association of the Officials of the Labor Bureau and Statistics at the state capitol officers were elected and Washington, D. C., was decided upon as the meeting place for the coming year.

Adulterated Linseed Oil.

Acting State Food Commissioner, Redfern has found considerable adulterated linseed oil in use in Nebraska, but he is of the opinion that there is no penalty. Two years ago the legislature passed a pure paint and oil law, but the words "linseed oil" were omitted from the penalty clause. Mr. Redfern asked the last legislature to insert these words in the law, but a bill for that purpose was suppressed in a sifting committee. The law prevents the use of adulterated paint and requires labeling of the goods.

State Board Rejects Bids.

The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings rejected six bids which were offered on the construction of the two new buildings to be erected at the Lincoln hospital for the insane. Rejections came because of the fact that the bids exceeded the amount appropriated by the last legislature for the pair of new buildings. The sum if \$50,000 was set out for each of the structures, while the bids opened ranged from \$3,000 to \$74,000. An enactment of the last legislature provides that all state buildings are to be constructed within the appropriations made for them by that body.

Complaint Against Railroads.

The Southwestern Millers association of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri has filed a complaint with the Nebraska State Railway commission, alleging that the railroads in Nebraska fail to furnish proper cars for the shipment of flour, and asking that they be required to supply suitably equipped cars.

Registration at University.

The total registration for the first day at the state university was 236, which is a slight increase over the first day of last year. Edward M. Rutledge, acting registrar, said that no estimate can be made yet as to the probable increase in registration over last year. The number of old men back so far is small, the new students arriving early to look over the situation, get registered and secure room and board before the beginning of school. The outlook is very promising.

CHOICE FROM THIRD.

Latta's Successor Will be Named in November.

There will be a special election in the Third district, on the same day as the general election, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman J. P. Latta and the candidates will be chosen by the congressional committees, if these committees are recognized by the state central committees; or by convention, if the congressional committees of the several parties are not recognized by the higher political authority. The opinion inclines toward nomination by convention, however. This is the gist of an opinion written by the state legal department in reply to an inquiry from Dan V. Stephens of Fremont.

The opinion is written by Frank E. Edgerton, assistant attorney general, and is approved by the head of the department.

Edgerton's letter to Stephens follows: "Attorney General Martin has handed me your letter of the 14th inst., asking for an opinion as to the proper method for nomination of candidates for congress in the Third congressional district, to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late J. P. Latta. You say that in said district the candidates in the past have selected campaign managers, who have chosen their own committees for the conduct of campaigns.

"The primary law recognizes party organizations and party committees. These committees are to be chosen in such manner as may be determined by the state central committee of each representative party. (Cobbey's annotated statutes of 1911, Sec. 5889.) If the committees in the Third congressional district, as selected by the campaign managers, have the approval of the state central committees of the various parties, I take it that they will be the legal committees of the parties in that district.

"The primary law provides for state and congressional conventions. (Cobbey's annotated statutes of 1911, Section 5886.) It is true the only congressional conventions mentioned therein are those which formerly were authorized to select delegates to the national convention, but this section provides that delegates to state and congressional conventions shall be apportioned by the state committee to the several counties upon the vote cast at the last election for electors for president and vice president. Hence if a convention is the proper means of nomination for candidates to fill this office the apportionment would necessarily be made by the state committee and not by the congressional committees aforementioned.

"The primary method of nomination does not apply to special elections to fill vacancies. (Cobbey's annotated statutes of 1911, Section 5863.) In many respects his election of a congressman at this time might be termed a special election.

Funds Are Lacking.

No steps as yet have been taken to enforce the law passed by the last legislature requiring maternity homes and lying-in hospitals to obtain license from the state to do business. Lack of funds and the failure of the state board of health to place the burden of enforcing the act are given as the reasons for failing to make the law live. The board of secretaries recently made application for funds necessary to do the work.

Ministers Are Appointed.

Appointments of the ministers for the Nebraska conference were announced at the final meeting of the conference held at University Place. The state has been re-districted into four divisions instead of five and their names changed to Nebraska Central, East, South and West.

Corn Out of Danger.

The late hot weather has done much to ripen corn and put it on the way out of danger from frost. Farmers living near Lincoln say that if no serious frost comes before October 1 very little corn in this part of the state will be damaged.

Pure Seed Bill Fees.

Until the legal and auditing departments of the state decide whether fees collected under the pure seed and stock bill can be used to pay salaries and expenses the bill will continue a dead letter. Before any fees are collected something less than 1,000,000 tags must be printed.

Bitter Divorce Contest.

A bitterly contested divorce case brought here from Kearney county was submitted to the state supreme court, Ida B. Goings appealing from the decision of the lower court, which refused her a separation from her husband, Joseph G. Goings.

Schools in Lancaster.

School is now in progress in all the 140 districts in Lancaster county. Most of the country schools began their session on September 4, while others did not begin until a week later. County Superintendent Gardner stated that he had heard of no schools unprovided with teachers. Reports as to attendance will not be received by the county superintendent until the end of the first month, but he has reason to believe that there will be no disappointment as to the number of pupils.

DEATH ON CROSSING

THIRTEEN KILLED ON NORTH-WESTERN AT NEENAH, WIS.

OTHERS ARE FATALLY INJURED

Fast Passenger Train Strikes May Rack Loaded with Young People Returning from Wedding.

Neenah, Wis.—Sixteen deaths probably will be the result of a collision of a mile-a-minute passenger train with a hay rack loaded with thirty-one young people at Neenah Sunday.

A big billboard along the railway tracks obscured the view of the engineer as well as the driver of the wagon. Mist and fog did the rest.

Twelve persons on the hay rack were killed instantly, one has since died, and three of eight others injured are believed to be fatally hurt. Nine of the thirty-one people aboard the wagon escaped without a scratch. Both horses were unhurt. Nobody on the train suffered except from a momentary severe jar.

The collision occurred at 3:40 o'clock in the morning on the Chicago & Northwestern railway at the Commercial street crossing here. Train No. 121, northbound, whirled through the wagon load of people at a forty-five-degree angle, the highway crossing being diagonal.

The victims were returning from the Peter Hansen farm, where they had gone to attend the celebration of a wedding anniversary. All but two, men from Chicago, were residents at Menasha.

Bodies, terribly cut and mutilated, covered the right-of-way as the train, nine coaches in length, was brought to a stop 800 feet from the scene of the wreck. Several of the bodies were so badly mutilated that identification was possible only by fragments of clothing.

Six of the victims, all dead, were discovered on the engine pilot, where they lay until removed by the train crew and passengers. Two others were hurled through a flagman's shanty with such force as to overturn the little structure. One of these was Miss Finn, who was projected through one of the side walls of the house and was still alive when removed. She died a few hours later.

Another of the victims killed was thrown high over a barn fifty feet from the railway right-of-way.

Damages by Earthquake.

Guayaquil, Ecuador.—Four earthquakes on Sunday did serious damage at Riobamba, the capital of Chimborazo province, which lies about eighty-five miles from Guayaquil. The shocks continued throughout the day, but with diminishing intensity. At the first shock a great panic prevailed among the people. Many buildings were shaken badly and several collapsed. The occupants of most of the houses fled to the streets, where they since have remained for their safety.

Bryan Disappointed, Not Surprised.

Cincinnati, William J. Bryan, who arrived in this city Sunday on his way to Knoxville, Tenn., and was entertained by a number of prominent democrats at a local hotel, stated that he was sorely disappointed at the defeat of reciprocity, although he was not surprised.

Report Captured Steamer.

Port Said.—It is reported that the Turks have captured the Italian liner Regina Margherita at Mesalina. This steamer is one of the fleet of the Navigazione Generale Italiana of Genoa.

Charles Gates to Wed.

Minneapolis.—Charles Gates, son of John W. Gates, who died recently in Paris, and Miss Florence Hopwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Hopwood of Minneapolis, will be married Wednesday in Uniontown, Pa.

Avalanche of Bricks.

Louisville, Ky.—An avalanche of bricks from an upper story of a burning six-story building in the wholesale district crashed through three floors of an adjoining building, killing three firemen and injuring several other men.

Cases Are Docketed.

Washington.—The question of whether a railroad company may make extra charge for supplying side track facilities is involved in two cases docketed in the U. S. court.

A Divorce Granted.

New York.—News that a decree of divorce had been granted Mrs. Wellman, formerly Emma Juch, the famous prima donna, from her husband has been received.

Election Will Be Illegal.

Mexico City.—General Bernardo Reyes is convinced that the presidential election will be held as proposed on October 1; that the country will not be at peace and that therefore the voting will thus be illegal and without results.

Postoffice Clerk Arrested.

Denver.—Charged with misappropriating funds, Joseph P. Havlick, for fifteen years superintendent of the money order division of the Denver postoffice, was arrested.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

The Butler county fair, held last week, made a splendid showing. The postal savings bank for Lincoln will be installed early in October.

The people of Platte County are talking up the matter of building a new court house.

Miles Zentmyer, a well known citizen of Schuyler, died after seven weeks' illness caused by blood poisoning starting from a splinter in his hand.

The clay model of the statue of Abraham Lincoln, which is to be placed on the state house grounds, is practically completed.

Elias Genho, a farmer of Butler township in Buffalo county, has filed a damage suit in district court against David Hinz, Justina Hinz, and Adolph Hinz, neighbors, asking for \$20,000. He alleges the defendants alienated the affections of his wife, Emilie Genho.

A new use for registration books has been found in Lincoln, a young woman calling at the city clerk's office to determine the age of a man, who evidently was at least an intimate acquaintance. She was much agitated when she found that he had sworn his age was 37. She said he had told her he was 25 years old.

Ed Ritter, charged with conducting "blind pig" in the city of Norfolk, was given a preliminary hearing before County Judge Bates. He was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$500. He was already under bond of \$1,000 to answer at the November term of court to several counts found by the grand jury last spring.

The forthcoming encampment of the Nebraska national guard to be held near Bellevue will cost from \$25,000 to \$27,000. Fourteen hundred officers and men are expected to be in camp for ten days. C. H. Dean of Lincoln, brigade commissary, has submitted an estimate to Adjutant General Ernest H. Phelps of the amount of provisions that will be needed.

The Nebraska Oil and Gas company, organized to prospect for oil on the farm of A. B. Davidson, three and one-half miles north of Stella, is installing timber to erect the derrick. The machinery has arrived and is being hauled to the farm. The sea can be heard roaring a half mile from the place. The company has decided to go down at least 1,500 feet if necessary.

The Southwestern Millers' league of Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, has filed a complaint with the railway commission of Nebraska against all of the railroads in the state. The league desires the railroads to repair, cooper, clean and line with heavy paper all cars used for the shipment of flour and other grain products, or if they do not do the work the league shall be allowed a reasonable amount for doing it.

A petition will be circulated in Tecumseh to raise a purse of \$1,000 to be added to the \$1,000 now offered by the state of Nebraska and the county of Johnson, jointly, for the arrest and conviction of E. E. Hesse, the man who is charged with the murder of his wife and stepdaughter, Wauneta Laverne McMaster. In that city, in July, 1910, and afterwards burying their bodies in an old well.

The typhoid fever situation at the feeble minded institute at Beatrice, is improving. No new cases have been reported for several weeks, and the sixteen patients who are still under the care of physicians are convalescent. Dr. Thomas is mending rapidly. Steward Queen states that there have been thirty-two deaths since the new administration took charge and that this number includes those who have died from other causes than typhoid.

Mrs. Gertrude Genson of Nebraska City, has filed a suit against the Modern Woodmen of America, for \$2,000, the amount of a policy her husband carried in that order at the time he mysteriously disappeared from home September 18, 1910, when his clothing and bicycle were found on the banks of the river, north of the city and footprints led into the waters of the river. Since then not a trace of him has been found.

Roy Edward Griffith, wanted at Verdun, Richardson county, for embezzling \$221.34 of the funds of the Missouri Pacific, will be returned to this state for trial from Clarion, Ia., where he is under arrest, under a requisition issued from the executive office.

Secretary Bausch of the school board of Sutton, gives out the information that the issue of bonds for the new school building will be taken up by the state on very advantageous terms. The bids received from private concerns all called for a substantial discount while the state allows one-half per cent. premium.

The matter of an extended water service and sewerage plant will have to come up for a vote in Tecumseh again, and it will probably be submitted at a special election to be held in October.

A judgment of \$5,250 has been entered against the Burlington railroad in federal court in the case brought against that corporation by Richard Clouse, a youth of fifteen years, through his father, Thomas R. Clouse. Personal injury was the basis of the petition. The boy lost an eye while employed in the Havelock shops, near Lincoln.